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NEWS RELEASE

One of the missions of the San Antonio Police Department is to prevent crime. In light of recent home invasions, we would like to remind citizens of some safeguards for yourself and your home.

<u>Home</u>

- Keep windows & doors locked even when at home
- Install hardened steel deadbolt locks on all doors
- Look before opening door to anyone
- Check for official identification from repair/public service individuals without opening door
- If prowler enters, GET OUT & call police
- If you come home & door is open or think someone is in your home, DO NOT ENTER. Call police
- If single woman, last name only on mailbox

Personal Safety

- Be aware of your surroundings especially in unattended parking lots & enclosed parking garages
- Avoid walking alone
- Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes
- Avoid shortcuts through alleys, vacant lots
- Have keys in hand ready to unlock car/home doors

To have an SAPD Crime Prevention Specialist conduct a free home security survey, you can contact your nearest police substation.

Suspect Information

Two recent home invasions, 4000 Horizon Hill & 1100 Patricia, have a similar M.O. and are believed to be committed by the same suspect:

| • | Black male | 180 – 200 lbs. | Uses silver handgun |
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| • | 20 's | Black hair | |
| • | 5'8" – 5'11" | Brown eyes | |

Anyone with information on this suspect is urged to call police at 207-2313 or 911.

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